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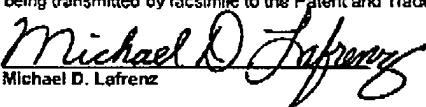
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of October 18, 2007, please enter this amendment to the above-identified application. The amendment is as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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